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REMARKS

In the Action, claims 1-22 and 33-39 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,716,387. In response, the Applicant states that the U.S. '387 patent and the present application are commonly owned and thus the applicant is submitting herewith an appropriate Terminal Disclaimer. With the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer, it is submitted that the double-patenting objection has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

Also in the Action, claims 23-32 were allowed as filed. That allowance is noted.

Finally, the Applicant is submitting new claims 40-53 herewith for consideration by the Examiner. It is submitted that these new claims do not contain any new matter and are allowable for the same reasons as claims 1-39.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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